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On March 12, 2020, Governor Ralph Northam declared a state of emergency due to novel coronavirus (COVID-19). In the declaration, [Executive Order 51](#), the Governor directed state agencies to render appropriate assistance to prepare for and mitigate the effects of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. In doing so, he ordered authorization for the heads of executive branch agencies, on behalf of their regulatory boards as appropriate, and with the concurrence of their Cabinet Secretary, to waive any state requirement or regulation.

Pursuant to the authority granted to the agency head by Executive Order 51 (2020), I hereby waive the below **Nurse Practitioner** Regulations:

- [18VAC90-30-80\(B\)](#) Initial NP application – provisional license.

B. Provisional licensure may be granted to an applicant who satisfies all requirements of this section with the exception of subdivision A 3 of this section, provided the board has received evidence of the applicant's eligibility to sit for the certifying examination directly from the national certifying body. *An applicant may practice with a provisional license for either six months from date of issuance or until issuance of a permanent license or until he receives notice that he has failed the certifying examination, whichever occurs first.*

***Waive the six-month time limit so that an applicant may practice on a provisional license until they are able to take the certification exam but no later than 90 days following the expiration of the Executive Order.***

This waiver does not waive statutory requirements or limitations. This waiver shall take effect on March 19, 2020, and shall remain in full force and effect until amended or rescinded by further executive order.

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